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Impressive developments in tourism sector good for Aruba



Minister of Labor, Transportation and Tourism, Mr. Otmar Oduber

ORANJESTAD -- Last Wednesday, Minister Oduber informed the community about new developments in the tourism sector. The Minister reported that ATA is currently working on a business plan that would contribute to a better management of our tourism. The entire commu-

nity is incorporated in this plan. All stakeholders have been explored to ascertain weaknesses, strengths and potential that Aruba has. This business plan must be capable of managing Aruba for the next 5 to 10 years.

Recommendations from the "Winning The Future" report is what brought about the decision to write said business plan. The results of that report sparked the organization of a workshop, which in turn, resulted in yet another report.

ATA is exploring the possibilities for amplifying what their office is providing in terms of services and what they can be doing even more. They believe that there are additional responsibilities that ATA can embark upon with respect to our product and how they can improve on

the quality on Aruba.

In this context, the Minister mentioned the positive figures that Aruba has been experiencing lately. According to the Minister... "Aruba is not in the forefront, Aruba is first in the Caribbean." The figures for September show an increase of 4.44% and for the months of January to September we have seen an overall growth of 5.77%.

Regarding stay-overs for September, this too has shown a remarkable increase of Average Daily Room Rate (ADR) 10.4%. This translates into 149.13 dollars in September 2012 to 164.60 dollars in September 2013... an increase of 15 dollars for the ADR.

Available Revpar (revenue per available room) also had an increase of 2% in the first 9 months of 2013 indicating nothing less than positive for our tourism. It is expected that 2013 will close out with an increase of double the forecasted 3% amount of visitors to visit the island.

President Obama: shutdown encouraged US foes, depressed friends



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama warned yesterday that America's political dysfunction had encouraged its enemies and dismayed its friends, and said the crisis had left "no winners" in Washington.

In trying to heal the wounds of the last two weeks of political drama, Obama hoped to avoid a new round of brinkmanship within months, after a temporary truce between Republicans and Democrats.

"There's been a lot of discussion lately of the politics of this shutdown," Obama told an audience of returning executive branch workers in the State Dining Room of the White House.

"Let's be clear. There are no winners here."

The president called on warring politicians to come together to pass a long-term budget and to give up the

"brinkmanship" that threatens the economy and squandered the trust of the American people.

He spoke less than 11 hours after signing legislation that ended a 16-day government shutdown and a showdown over raising his government's borrowing authority.

The bill brought a temporary end to a stand-off that had threatened to pitch the US economy into a historic default.

Obama urged Congress, specifically Republicans in the House of Representatives, to pass stalled bills on agriculture and on reforming America's immigration system.

"Probably nothing has done more damage to America's credibility in the world, our standing with other countries, than the spectacle that we've seen these past several weeks," he said.

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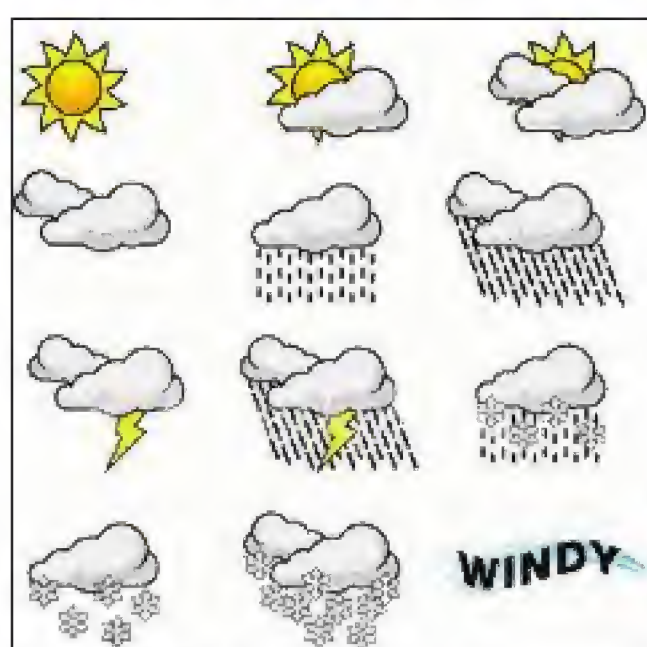
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Local weather prognostic



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Weather:

Partly cloudy with chances of a local shower. Maximum temperature 33 centigrade y minimum temperature 28 centigrade.

Wind:

Moderate winds direction east average 10 kts gusting up to 20 kts.

Additional Information:

Today around noon at the hotel area, weather was active and thunder and lightning was observed. Afterwards weather recovered.

General Situation:

An upper-level disturbance

will decorate our skies from time to time with clouds in the upper levels.

In the mid-levels moist air is being advected from the southwest. In the lower levels air is relatively dry.

Tradewinds remain moderate due to a broad area of low pressure in the North-west Atlantic Ocean.

Marine conditions:

Wave direction will be east with wave-heights between 3 to 5 feet.

Tropical Weather Outlook:
Nothing of significance.

Expectations for the remainder of the week:

Weather will be humid with partly cloudy skies. Tradewinds will stay moderate. Temperature will fluctuate around normal.

Observed temperature (centigrade) and rainfall (mm) in the last 24 hours:

Airport: max 33 / min 28 / 0.00

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2013 UMADA Cup welcomes chessmasters from across the region



First place Challenger Group
Mark Bueno of Aruba



First Place Open Group F Ryan Harper of Trinidad with FIDE Treasurer Nigel Freeman

ORANJESTAD -- From October 9 to 13, the Aruba Chess Federation was very proud to host the 2013 UMADA Cup, a regional championship recognized by the World Chess Federation, FIDE, at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad. Treasurer of FIDE and President of the Bermuda Chess Federation, Nigel Freeman joined local officials for the event.

Chief Arbitor was Trevon Griffith and Raymundo Dijkhoff was Deputy Arbitor for the tournament, which welcomed 87 chess fanatics and recognized master from seven countries. They included Aruba, Curacao, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Barbados, Bonaire and The Bahamas. There are 17 regional countries eligible to compete in the annual UMADA Cup. Maurits Dijkhoff was the tournament director.

Origin of the tournament name relates to regional cultural influences. Umada is the Garifuna word for friend. Garifuna is an Arawakan language that originated on the island of St. Vincent, but is now spoken in Belize, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guata-



Sharing first Place Women Challenge Rosangela Dos Ramos and Tesora Ooft from Suriname

mala. The Garifunau (also known as Black Carib) number roughly 250,000, with the majority living in Honduras. The Black Caribs were fierce warriors and the last native culture to resist the British Colonial powers in the Caribbean. "The Umada Cup therefore seeks to bring the players of participating countries together in friendship while honoring The First Nations of the Caribbean and peoples of African descent who suffer greatly during the Colonial Period."

There were 24 competitors from four countries in the Under 12 Category. Top winners were, in descending order from first to fifth: Emanuel

Lont (Bonaire) Krishan Bridjalal (Suriname) David Pietersz (Curacao), Jaedan Crestian (Bonaire), Timothy Carolina (Curacao).

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Full moon party in Aruba with Fatman Scoop from New York on Saturday night

ORANJESTAD -- On Saturday night Aruba heats up with an extraordinary full moon party. This shall take place at the Sand Bar located near the Brickell Bay Hotel in Palm Beach Aruba. Performing during this evening is the two time Grammy award winner Fatman Scoop.

Fatman scoop will fly in from New York and will be performing alongside differ-

ent other local dj's i.e Nutzbeatz (Dirty Dutch), Dj 101, Dj Diablo, Dj Danny Platinum and Bamfstarz. Theme of this Full Moon Party is NEW YORK Edition and will boast many surprises.

Tickets are only \$20 available at the door. The event starts at 9pm and runs till 3 am. VIP Access is also available via phone: (297) 7473760.

ELMAR has not added any charges to their electric bill

ORANJESTAD -- After much deliberation and internal negotiation, ELMAR proudly announced last November 2012 that they will initiate a substantial reduction in their tariffs.

In an effort to achieve this reduction, ELMAR, after the Social Dialogue with all parties in the community, was able to charge the so-called "vastrecht" of Fls.10 on all electric bills. This is to be able to cover the maintenance expenses of their electric network. In the same manner, the utility companies were able to ensure water and electric tariffs during the entire year of 2013 without any adaptation in the tariffs.

On the other hand, they mention that without the efforts of WEB, the reduction in the electric tariff would not have been possible. This was, obviously a joint effort by both companies for the benefit of the client.

With this communicate Elmar wishes to clarify that the Fls.10 on the electric bill is nothing that has been initiated this month, instead it has been implemented since a year ago. The company will continue to do their utmost to be more efficient and to keep the tariff as low as possible. Clients should also strive to be more efficient in their use of electricity. Clients can make necessary changes to reduce their consumption.

To do your own electric calculations, visit www.elmar.aw.

Next week is Red Ribbon Week

ORANESTAD -- The Anti Drug Foundation (FADA) has issued a bulletin inviting the general public to unite in observing what has been dubbed Red Ribbon Week, October 23 to 30th. Everyone is invited to wear a red ribbon to demonstrate their objection to the use and abuse of drugs. In a positive manner we can show our disgust, our concern and proclaim zero tolerance to the despicable world of drugs.

Just like in the rest of the World where Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23 to 30th, here on Aruba likewise we join together to observe Red Ribbon Week. During this week FADA is more active than at any other time. This is the 20th year that Aruba is celebrating this occasion.

The Red Ribbon Week is a campaign promoting prevention and awareness related to alcoholism, tobacco and other drugs and violence.

FADA actually began this campaign way back in July with their walk-athon.

Red Ribbon Week began back in 1985 with the brutal slaying of DEA official, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Agent Camarena was working undercover in Guadalajara, Mexico for 4 years. His efforts led to the discovery of a multimillion dollar drug factory in Chihuahua, Mexico. As a result various informants were slain. Later on February

Red Ribbon



Week

7th Camarena and his pilot were abducted. Several days later the lifeless bodies of both Camarena and his pilot were found near a ranch in Angostura.

After the death of Camarena, residents of his native city, Calexico, began wearing red ribbons in his honor.

The red ribbon became the symbol for prevention and education with the objective of reducing the demand for illegal drugs. Wearing the red ribbon shows our disapproval of the use of drugs. The red ribbon is not just for Kiki Camarena but for all women and men who have done their utmost to fight against narco-trafficking. The last week of October will bring thousands of people together to spark new awareness against the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs as well as to encourage prevention, and intervention in timely treatment.

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ORANJESTAD -- Since May 2013, everyone who visits Aruba or who lives here can experience beautiful composed, orchestrated and arranged music with wonderful romantic lyrics sung by Fred de Jong, weekly, and order local food and delicious drinks while watching our Aruba Sinatra Dinner Show at The Old Cunucu House Restaurant. Every Thursday from 7:30 pm till 10:00 pm Fred de Jong sings a selection of the best romantic songs also performed by singers like Frank Sinatra, Michael Bubl , and Harry Connick Jr. Many tourists and locals have visited this show already and wrote great reviews about it.

The music in this show is loved by so many people and especially by the senior citizen, because it often brings back so many wonderful and touching memories of the past. Fred de Jong and his team want to do something nice for our senior citizens, who are sometimes so easily forgotten after all they did for us in the past. That is why the idea came up to organize a special Aruba Sinatra Senior Citizen Show at Cas di Cultura on October 30th, from 7:00 till 9:00 pm.

According to Fred de Jong: "We gave away about three hundred (300) tickets to the elderly homes among others SABA, Cas Cristelle, Bethesda Homecare, St. Thuiszorg Aruba, Cas Cuido y Alegna pa Nos Grandinan, OASIS, Cas di Cuido pa Hende Grandi, Stichting Cas di Machi for all

the people who are able to go to a show like this, but we also gave some tickets to the elderly clubs, like grupo Flor di Bini Bini, Uni, Kawara, Pegasaya, Palmita di Ora, Monarca, Magdalena, Palaya Pabao, Flor di Brazil, Kukwisa, Violeta, Lago Heights Funhoppers, Flamboyant, Movimiento ta Bida, Edat no ta conta, Golden Agers, Kibrahacha, to raffle or divide the tickets among the club members. Of course we were not able to cover everybody, but if the show is successful, we might organize the show yearly and if necessary and possible more evenings per year. Some government and other officials will be invited."



In this special show Fred de Jong sings songs like: "Fly Me To The Moon", "My Way", "I've Got You Under My Skin", "Luck Be A Lady", "Come Rain, Or Shine", "Girl From Ipanema", "I've Got The World On A String", "One For My Baby", "Night And Day", "You Make Me Feel So Young", "Softly As I Leave You", "For Once In My Life", "It Had To Be You", "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry", "Witchcraft", "The Way You Look To Night", "It Was A Very Good Year", "New York - New York", "The Lady Is A Tramp" and many more...

The show will be held in the Auditorium at Cas di Cultura and the rest of the about 250 tickets will be sold to cover the cost of the rent, organization and promotion.

If you want to support this event by attending it, you can obtain tickets by calling +297 594 1098 or e-mailing fred@freddejong.com.

'How to Dream Big' presentation to youth of Aruba

ORANJESTAD-- Year 2013 marks 60th anniversary of successful ascent of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain peak in the world at 29,029 feet. This year also marks the first successful attempt by an Indian in climbing Everest and thus completing his seven summits in all seven continents.

Dr Manoj Vora is now a US-based internist and married to an American lady Sheree with 3 lovely daughters. At the age of 43, he was inspired to do the 7 summits in all 7 continents around the world after reading the book 'Seven Summits' by Dick Bass & Frank Wells. For the next 10 years, he pursued this new found passion which he turned in to a purpose of his life. As for 7th & highest summit in the world Mt Everest, after a failure in climbing it successfully in 2010 which he gave up at around 24000 feet, he finally achieved this feat on May 22, 2013. He said that spirituality played a major part in training the mind. It is always mind over body that pushes it to its limits. It is the mind that drives the climber to his goal.

Dr. Manoj Vora's motto is "Inspiring the next generation to dream big".

His message:

"I pray for world peace. I would like to inspire people to dream big, work hard to accomplish their dreams and once their dreams are realized to help others realize their dreams." True to his mission, he gave strong appeal to the youth to dream big. He exhorted that the next generation has to do better than the previous one as they stand on the shoulders of their ancestors.

Indian Association of Aruba gave a warm welcome to Dr. Vora for presenting such an exciting and inspirational talk to the youth of Aruba that comprised of Key Clubbers, Order of Demolay, Rainbow girls, Youth parliament and the youth from Indian Association of Aruba. Prakash Gupta, President of Indian Association of Aruba presented to Dr. Vora a certificate on behalf of all present as a token of their appreciation.



Group of Demolays with Dr. Vora



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UMADA Cup 2013 welcomes chessmasters...

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Second Place Challenger Group
Sherman Maduro of Curaçao



Second place Open category Roger Matoewi ofi Surinam



**Sixth place open Octavio Croes
President Aruba Chess Association**

Fifty-four players from all seven participating chess federations competed in the Chal-



lenger's Category. First Place Men's Division went to Mark Bueno of Aruba, who also took top spot in winners under 1900 rating. Second to Sherman Maduro of Curacao and Third to Angel Centeno of Aruba.

The top spot in the Challenger's Women's Division was shared by Rosangela Dos Ramos and WCM Tesora Oost of Suriname. Ailen Oriana Mena and WCM Seydi Salim Moussa of Curacao shared second place and Katrina Blackman of Barbados claimed third. The Open Group had ten competitors of all ages with high rankings, including the President of the Aruba Chess Federation, CM Octavio Croes, who won sixth place. Taking the top spot and biggest trophy among ten competitors from four countries, was FM Ryan Harper of Trinidad and Tobago. FM Roger Matocwi was second and Marcus Joseph of Trinidad & Tobago was third. Coming in fourth through eighth place, in descending order were: Cassanova Sanches and FM Dewperkash Gajadin iname, with their Fed-President, Frank Lo, taking seventh place and finally CM Ahmad Juddan of Aruba.

Visiting players were treated to a taste of Carnival excitement at the end of the long days at the chess boards, which proved a delight for all those attending.

Red Event

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2 Don Bosco Club Noord
October 23, 2013
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4 Club San Martin St. Cruz
November 20, 2013
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Aruba says “Thank you” to loyal visitors



ORANJESTAD -- Recently a group of loyal visitors of Aruba were honored as distinguished visitors of Aruba. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between ten and twenty consecutive years.

The honorees are:

Mr. Jim and Mrs. Connie Perch, resident of Jefferson, Missouri, for their 10th consecutive visit; Mr. Daniel Moulton and Mrs. Valerie Grib resident of Norton Massachusetts for their 14th consecutive visit; and Mr. Robert "Bob" Terry and Beverly Terry resident of Cornelius, North Carolina, for their 10 consecutive visit

All of the honorees are members of Marriott Surf Club and have been enjoying the Island every year.

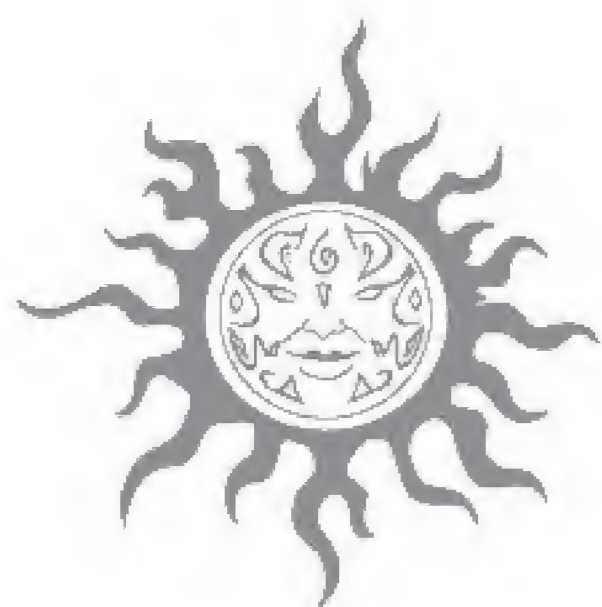
An honorary certificate was presented to them by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing the Aruba Tourism Authority in residence of Mrs. Luzday Patterson Leest, Front Desk Manager of Marriott Surf Club.

Also honored were Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Beverly Killelea, resident of Ashby, Massachusetts and Mr. Richard and Mrs. Tina Merlino resident of East Northport, New York for visiting our island for the 10th consecutive year.

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Obama: shutdown encouraged US foes...

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It's encouraged our enemies, it's emboldened our competitors and depressed our friends who look to us for steady leadership."

The president implicitly warned to conservative "Tea Party" Republicans to stop using their most potent weapons -- threatening to halt US debt payments and withholding government funding.

"There's no good reason why we can't govern responsibly, despite our differences, without lurching from manufactured crisis to manufactured crisis," he said.

"If you don't like a particular policy or a particular president, then argue for your position. Go out there and win an election. Don't break what our predecessors spent over

two centuries building."

Florida Senator Marco Rubio, a possible 2016 Republican presidential hopeful, did not take kindly to Obama's remarks.

"The President spoke about the divisive language in American politics. He's one of the leading causes of it," Rubio told Fox News.

Obama appeared to have one eye on the next possible political crisis -- set up in the language of the bill that ended the shutdown and the threat of default before an October 17 deadline.

The compromise plan hashed out in the Senate and passed by the House only funds government until January 15 and extends US borrowing authority until

February 7.

It remains unclear if Republicans, politically wounded by their tactics this time around, will seek to use the levers of shutdown and default again.

Republican Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell said yesterday there would be no government shutdown in the near future.

"A government shutdown is off the table," McConnell told National Review Online. "We're not going to do it."

Thousands of federal workers trooped back to work on yesterday.

Trains into Washington DC were again packed and the city's downtown hummed with activity after being eerily empty in recent weeks.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fujimori in Peru court over press corruption charges

LIMA (AFP) - Peru's imprisoned ex-president Alberto Fujimori appeared in court yesterday to face trial on charges that he funneled public money to tabloid newspapers who duly lambasted opponents during his brutal tenure.

Fujimori is serving a 25-year sentence after being convicted in 2009 of human rights violations during his 1990 to 2000 presidency.

Prosecutors want him to get another eight years in jail and a \$1 million fine for the alleged diversion of \$43 million to tabloids that attacked the opposition and slammed his rivals during his 2000 re-election campaign.

Fujimori entered the room looking haggard. He was accompanied by a doctor. At one

point he took a quick break from the proceedings, apparently for health reasons.

"We believe in his innocence," Fujimori's lawyer, William Paco Cartillo, told reporters.

Fujimori is the only defendant in the case but 29 others were convicted over the matter in 2005, including the country's former defense minister.

Forced to resign in 2000, Fujimori fled to Japan but was extradited in 2007 to face charges at home.

In June, President Ollanta Humala denied Fujimori's request for a pardon on humanitarian grounds due to his poor health.

A bid to have him transferred to house arrest was also rejected.

Puma ends S.Africa football sponsorship over fixing claims

BERLIN (AFP) - German sportswear giant Puma said yesterday it had terminated its partnership with the South African Football Association (SAFA) in response to match-rigging claims against the national team.

"Following match-fixing allegations made against SAFA along with inappropriate responses from within the football organisation ... Puma terminated the contract with immediate effect," the world's third-biggest sportswear maker said.

The company added in a statement that "Puma abides by a code of ethics in all areas of its business operations and expects its partners to adhere to the same values".

SAFA announced in April that the South African government had set up an independent judicial inquiry to shed light on possible irregularities. A FIFA report had concluded there was compelling evidence that friendlies had been fixed before the 2010 World Cup. Four matches are believed to have been rigged: South Africa's matches against Thailand (4-0), Bulgaria (1-1), Guatemala (5-0) and Colombia (2-1).

The president and director of the South African federation were suspended in late 2012, then reinstated in early January, pending the investigation's outcome.

Thousands at anti-government protests in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Thousands of protesters took the streets of Haiti yesterday to call for the resignation of President Michel Martelly as they railed against poverty and unemployment.

In the capital Port-au-Prince, opposition party chiefs and parliamentarians joined a mostly young crowd, which

authorities broke up just meters from the presidential palace.

Shots rang out and police used tear gas as some youths tried to break through barricades.

In the northern city of Cap-Haitien, thousands of protesters held up plates and spoons as they marched through the streets.

International News

Australia wildfires destroy homes, darken Sydney skies

SYDNEY (AFP) - Hundreds of homes are feared to have been destroyed by intense wildfires that tore across southeastern Australia in ferocious wind conditions Thursday, darkening Sydney's skies with smoke and ash, firefighters said.

Five major blazes were burning across the state of New South Wales, fanned by high, erratic winds in unseasonably warm 34 degree Celsius (93 Fahrenheit) weather, as infernos in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney plunged the city into an eerie, ash-flecked darkness.

In total, 95 fires were being tackled across the state with 34 out of control.

NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said it had been a "very difficult and dangerous day" of "extraordinary fire behaviour", with blazes travelling vast distances due to the winds.

No fatalities have been reported so far, while just one firefighter has been injured, although Fitzsimmons deputy Rob Rogers told ABC television the fear was that people could be in the destroyed houses.

Springwood man Joe Moore told Sky News his house had been razed while an estimated 40 other homes had been lost in the village, though that figure could not be confirmed by officials.

The blaze was believed to



have started when a power line came down in strong winds, according to media reports.

Sydney health authorities issued a respiratory alert after a blanket of smoke settled over the city, bathing familiar landmarks including the Opera House and Bondi Beach in an otherworldly amber hue and causing ash to rain from the skies.

The plume was so thick it showed up on the nation's weather radar.

The winds forced the grounding of water-bombing firefighting aircraft and residents of the Blue Mountains were urged to stay off the roads to clear the way for emergency vehicles.

"The problem is when you've got aircraft over fires like that with (those) winds, a lot of the time they're just getting knocked around in the sky," RFS spokesman Joel Kursawe said, adding that em-

bers were being carried up to six kilometres.

Fitzsimmons said there would be a reprieve for fire crews on Friday with cooler, less breezy conditions expected, but the danger would ramp back up on Sunday and Monday when temperatures soared once more.

Wildfires are common in Australia's summer months between December and February, and authorities are expecting a bad season this year due to low rainfall in the winter and forecasts of hot, dry weather ahead.

The blazes follow Australia's warmest 12 months on record, with the previous summer witnessing an unprecedented heatwave, as well as bushfires and floods.

The worst firestorm in recent years devastated southern Victoria state in 2009, razing thousands of homes and killing 173 people.

Tattoo helps Indian cop find mother after 24 years

MUMBA (AFP) - An Indian policeman who got lost as a child at a crowded railway station has been reunited with his family after 24 years -- thanks to a tattoo on his arm.

Ganesh Raghunath Dhangade was separated from his parents in 1989 aged just six when they were boarding a train. He ended up on his own in Mumbai, where he was cared for by a fisherman and then at two orphanages.

A car accident later left him unconscious for four months, struggling to remember details of his family or home, and he spent years rummaging through missing person records at police stations -- before joining the force himself in 2011.

"I had not given up on find-



ing my family," Dhangade told AFP on Thursday.

He pressed on with his search using the only clue he had: a tattoo of his mother's name, Manda, on his right arm.

Another piece of the puzzle -- forgotten after his car crash -- came from records at his first orphanage, where he had given his home place as


"Mama Bhanja", a forested area in a district neighbouring Mumbai.

Earlier this month, Dhangade went back to the area with his police colleagues asking for Manda, and he was directed to the hut of an old lady who had been staying in the hills there for years.

"She recounted that she had lost her son years earlier. Asked if he had any identification marks, she said he had a tattoo on his arm. I showed it to her and she immediately recognised it," Dhangade said.

"We were silent for minutes, then we both just hugged and kept on crying."

Dhangade now ensures he spends as much lost time as he can with his mother, two brothers and sister.



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German TV show on Maddie case receives 500 calls, emails

BERLIN (AFP) - A German broadcaster said Thursday it had received more than 500 phone calls and emails after airing a programme on the 2007 disappearance of British girl Madeleine McCann in Portugal.

Her parents launched an emotional appeal for information to help find their daughter on the ZDF show "Aktenzeichen XY... ungelöst" which is similar to the BBC's "Crime-watch".

"After the broadcast of... Aktenzeichen XY, the number of tip-offs rose to more than 500," said a spokesman for the broadcaster, who cautioned it was not known how much of the information would prove useful.

British detectives said Thursday they had received more than 2,400 calls and emails to their London incident room since a fresh appeal about Madeleine's disappearance was broadcast on BBC TV on Monday.

As well as the 500 calls to the German show, a similar show in the Netherlands had generated more than 350 calls.

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood, who is leading the investigation, travelled

to Germany and the Netherlands to appear on the shows.

The Praia da Luz resort in the Algarve where Madeleine disappeared in May 2007 is popular with tourists from Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

Madeleine vanished from the holiday apartment where her parents were staying just days before her fourth birthday, while they were dining at a nearby tapas bar.

Redwood said witnesses had spotted a man carrying a young child fitting Madeleine's description towards the port area of Praia da Luz.

Another man seen carrying a child near to the apartments where the family were staying -- who was for years considered the chief suspect -- has been excluded from the investigation.

The man detectives want to speak to is described as white, aged between 20 and 40, with short brown hair, of medium build, medium height and clean shaven.

Police also want to identify two other men, probably with short blond hair and possibly speaking German or Dutch, who had also been seen repeatedly near the apartment.



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Health & Living

Outdoor air pollution a leading cause of cancer: WHO

GENEVA (AFP) - The World Health Organization on Thursday classified outdoor air pollution as a leading cause of cancer in humans.

"The air we breathe has become polluted with a mixture of cancer-causing substances," said Kurt Straif of the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

In concrete terms, said IARC director Christopher Wild, outdoor air pollution has been classified as a "Group 1" cause of cancer, the riskiest category on its four-step scale.

The IARC underlined that a panel of top experts had found "sufficient evidence" that exposure to outdoor air pollution caused lung cancer and raised the risk of bladder cancer.

Wild underlined that air pollution was not a primary cause of the disease.

"We have well over a million lung cancer cases per

year, the vast majority of which are actually due to tobacco, rather than I think around 10 percent, perhaps, which are to things like ambient air pollution," he told reporters.

Although the composition of air pollution and levels of exposure can vary dramatically between locations, the agency said its conclusions applied to all regions of the globe.

Air pollution was already known to increase the risk of respiratory and heart diseases.

The IARC said pollution exposure levels increased significantly in some parts of the world in recent years, notably in rapidly industrialising nations with large populations.

The most recent data, from 2010, showed that 223,000 lung cancer deaths worldwide were the result of air pollution, the agency said.

The data did not enable experts to establish whether particular groups of people were more or less vulnerable to cancer from pollution, but Straif said it was clear that risk rose in line with exposure.

In the past, the IARC had measured the presence of individual chemicals and mixtures of chemicals in the air -- including diesel engine exhaust, solvents, metals, and dust.

Diesel exhaust has already been classified as carcinogenic by the IARC.

The latest findings were based on overall air quality, and based on an in-depth study of thousands of medical research projects conducted around the world over decades.

The predominant sources of outdoor air pollution were transport, power generation, emissions from factories and farms, and residential heating and cooking, the agency said.

Brazil fights flatulence, with garlic



SAO PAULO (AFP) - A Brazilian company said Wednesday it was bringing to market a garlic capsule designed to tackle flatulence.

"This garlic oil is rich in antioxidants and deodorants and combats intestinal dysbiosis, a colon malfunction that increases flatulence," Polias chemist Joseth Gimenes told AFP.

Garlic itself is renowned for giving off a pong of its own.

But Gimenes insisted that the garlic capsule is mainly released in the intestine and does

not rise back into the mouth, even though the digestion begins in the stomach.

"Hence there is no risk of bad breath," she added.

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Sci-Tech

Facebook relaxes rules for teen sharing



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Facebook began letting teenagers publicly share posts Wednesday as the social network moved to bolster appeal to youth and advertisers.

"Teens are among the savviest people using social media, and whether it comes to civic engagement, activism or their thoughts on a new movie, they want to be heard," Facebook said in a blog post.

"So, starting today, people aged 13 through 17 will also have the choice to post publicly on Facebook."

Previously, teenagers could share comments, pictures or other digital posts no further than with friends of friends on the social network.

The changes will allow users to activate a "Follow" feature that lets their public posts pop up in people's News Feeds.

"While only a small fraction of teens using Facebook might choose to post publicly, this update now gives them the choice to share more broadly, just like on other social media services," Facebook said.

"We are also looking at ways to improve the way teens use messages and connect with people they may know."

The modifications come as Facebook vies with one-to-many text message service Twitter to be the preferred venue for sharing thoughts, news and more in real time.

They would also add to the pool of public posts that Facebook might seek to incorporate into creative new advertising techniques to ramp up revenue.

The California-based online social network modified the initial setting for new accounts of teenagers to only share

posts with "friends" instead of including others linked to those people at Facebook.

The setting remains in place unless account owners opt to change it.

"We take the safety of teens very seriously, so they will see an extra reminder before they can share publicly," Facebook said. "When teens choose 'Public' in the audience selector, they'll see a reminder that the post can be seen by anyone, not just people they know, with an option to change the post's privacy."

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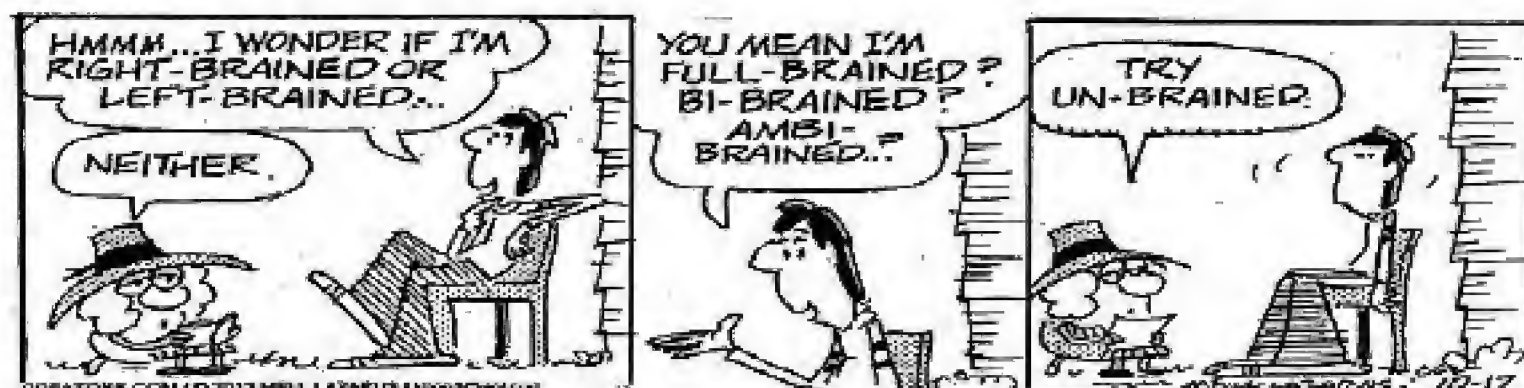
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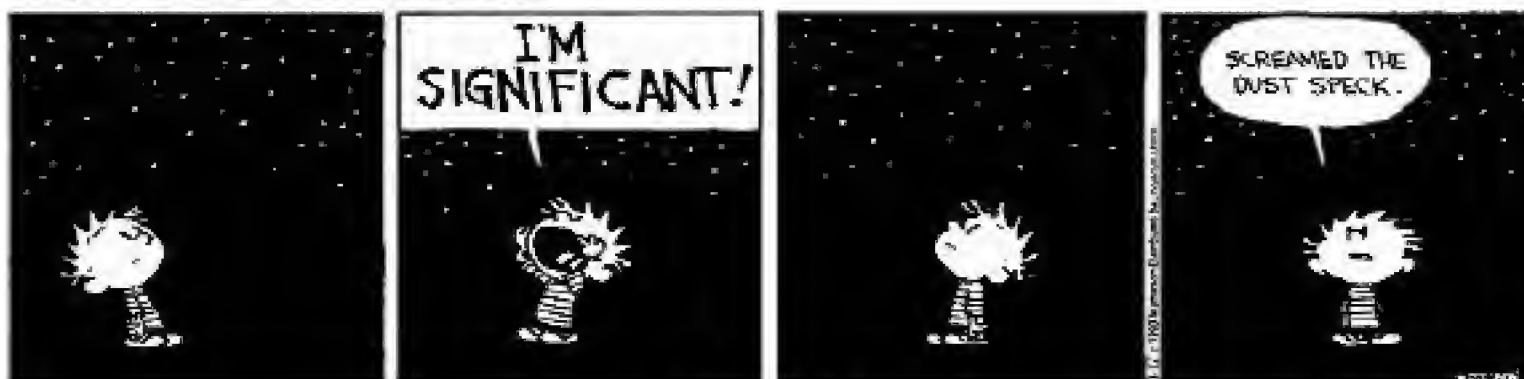
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12. Engrave initials
13. Hubbub
14. Half (prefix)
15. Dislike
17. Kit ____ Club ("Cabaret")
19. Trumpeter Severinsen
20. ____ fries
23. Becomes twisted
27. Winter illness
28. Dull
30. Source of poi
31. Galloped
32. ____ eclipse
34. Cut grass
35. Fail to mention
37. Had on
38. Rock's ____ Jovi
39. Restaurant cards
41. "____ the South" (2 wds.)
43. Immense
45. Prefix meaning not
46. "Home on the Range" creature
50. Start of a tot's song
54. "Who Wants to

Millionaire" (2 wds.)

55. Intertwine
56. "Tarzan" movie sound
57. ____ Paulo (Brazilian city)
58. Great longing
59. Tennis returns

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1. Burnt residue
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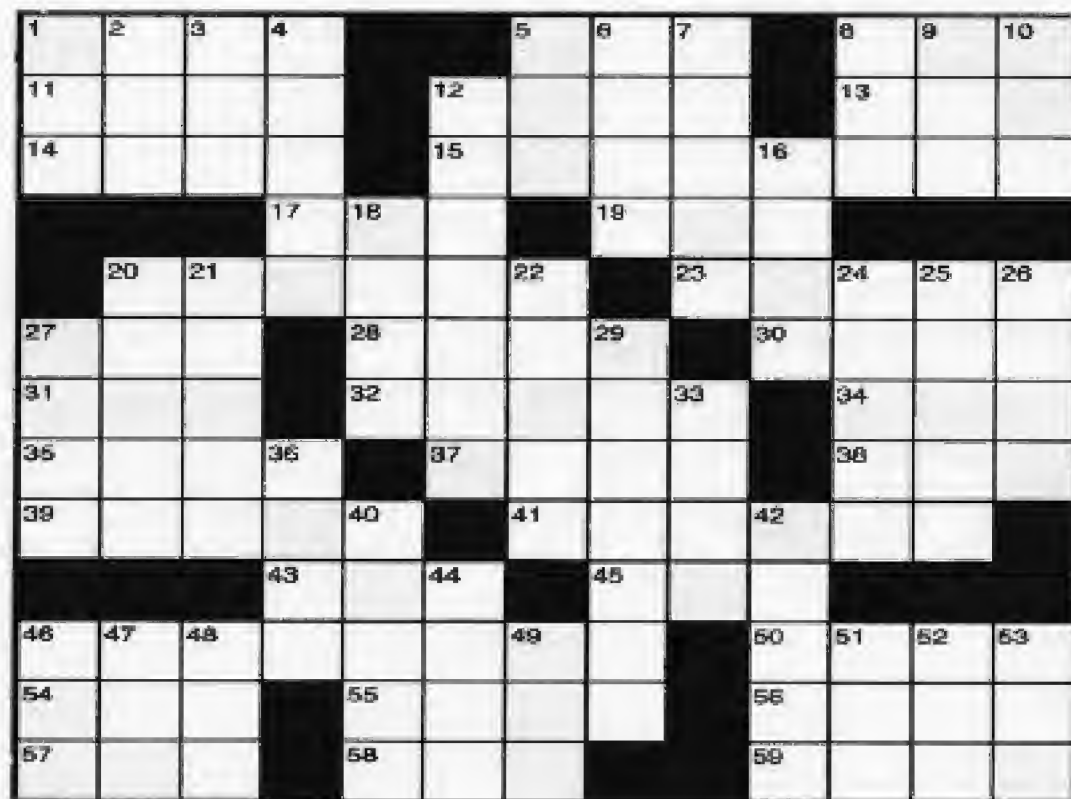
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12. Be humiliated (2 wds.)
16. "Scram!"
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22. Angels' headwear
24. Role for Stallone
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33. Divorce town
36. Inner ____
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44. Auctioneer's cry
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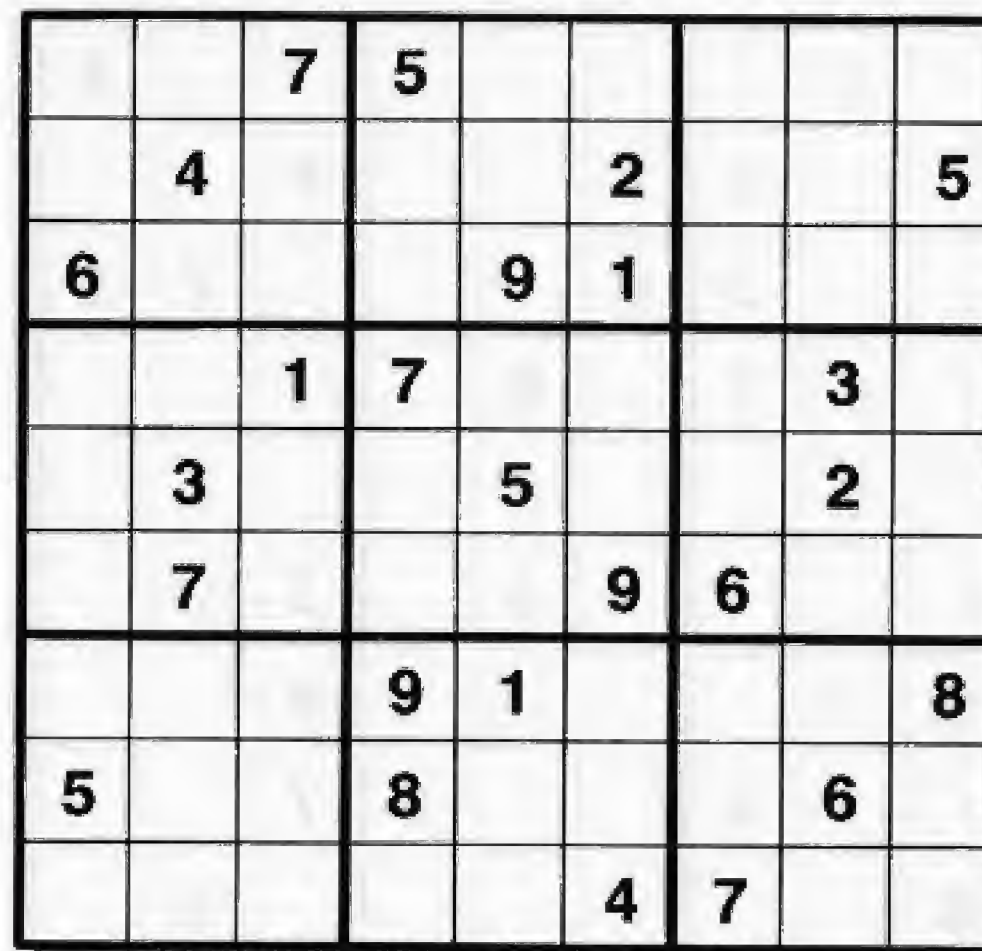
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FINANCE

Fed orders Commerzbank to fix money-laundering measures

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Federal Reserve yesterday ordered German bank Commerzbank to undergo an independent audit to strengthen its anti-money laundering measures.

The independent evaluation should provide information to determine whether Commerzbank met US requirements to report "suspicious activity" between May and October 2012, the Fed said in a statement on its website.

In June 2012, Commerzbank and its New York branch concluded an agreement with the New York Fed that required the branch to improve compliance with US anti-money laundering policies and rules, including the Bank Secrecy Act.

But the Fed said yesterday that the branch of Germany's second-biggest lender had "failed to maintain appropriate and adequate internal controls for its correspondent banking business, including the failure to maintain an adequate risk-based compliance program to mitigate (bank secrecy and anti-money laundering) risks associated with the Branch's foreign correspondent accounts."

The Fed action did not inflict a penalty on Commerzbank but ordered the German bank to hire an independent consultant in 30 days acceptable to the US central bank. The findings of the review are to be used to develop a plan and programs that will improve the bank's compliance,

the Fed said.

Commerzbank already has been the subject of investigations in the United States concerning transactions with countries under US sanctions, such as Iran and North Korea.

Chinese firms to star in upcoming Brazil oil auction

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Chinese oil giants CNOOC and CNPC will be in pole position in next week's first auction of deep-water concessions in Brazil's coveted Libra oilfield, experts say.

Monday's highly-anticipated auction covers Libra's estimated eight to 12 billion barrels of recoverable crude, or nearly a million barrels a day for five years, according to Brazil's National Petroleum Agency.

"Markets expect Asian companies will be the stars of these auctions as the US majors are not at the table and will merely sit back," said Carlos Assis, head of Ernst & Young's Americas oil and gas unit.

The auction will be the first since Brazil announced the discovery of huge deep-water oil reserves off its southeastern coast in 2007.

And Finance Minister Guido Mantega said the Libra oilfield is expected to attract \$180 billion in investments over the next 35 years.

Speaking in Brasilia during a presentation on investments in the country's infrastructure,

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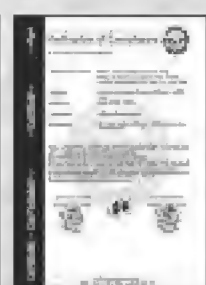
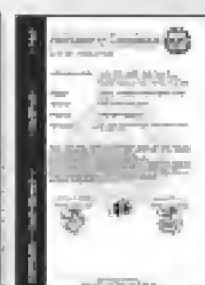
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Gucci wins \$144 million in US counterfeit trial



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Gucci on Thursday welcomed a US court's decision to award the global fashion empire \$144.2 million in damages from online sellers of counterfeit merchandise.

A list of 155 domain names, sued for selling and promoting counterfeit Gucci merchandise, were ordered to shut down or surrender to Gucci within 30 days.

Gucci filed the lawsuit earlier this year, accusing the online sellers of counterfeiting and cybersquatting. The court on Wednesday ruled in Gucci's favor.

The websites copied Gucci campaign advertisements, logos, product images and descriptions from official websites, and many also used Gucci in their domain name.

The sites were registered in

Britain, Canada, the Cocos Islands, France, Italy, Japan and the United States.

Gucci president and CEO Patrizio di Marco welcomed the judgment and said the company would continue to fight against counterfeiting across the globe.

The websites exploited "Gucci's unique creativity which has been harmful to Gucci's image, business and well-known trademark reputation for creating high quality artisanal 'Made in Italy' products," the firm said.

Founded in Italy in 1921, Gucci is one of the world's most instantly recognizable, luxury fashion brands.

Owned by the Kering Group, it is known in particular for its handbags, shoes, clothes and jewelry, but also manufactures luggage, eye-wear and fragrances.

In English slang the word Gucci is sometimes used to refer to something fancy, extravagant or shiny.

Chinese family seeks to return books in 70-year vow



SHANGHAI (AFP) - A Chinese family is seeking a former Jewish refugee in Shanghai to return 2,000 of his books they kept safe for 70 years, media reports said Thursday.

Shanghai was home to tens of thousands of Jewish refugees who fled Nazi persecution in Europe from the 1930s.

One of them, a Jewish schoolteacher, left books with Lin Daozhi for safekeeping when he left China in 1943, the China Daily newspaper reported.

He is believed to be a German Jew named Carl Anger, based on a card dated 1947 and found with the books, it said.

They include religious works in Hebrew, English and German as well as children's tomes.

The books narrowly escaped destruction by the in-

vading Japanese during World War II and again by China's rampaging "Red Guards" during the chaotic Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976.

But the Lin family's 10-square-metre (108-square-foot) home, which sheltered the texts for decades, is now scheduled for demolition and his descendants -- he died in 1981 aged 93 -- hope to return them.

"After keeping these books for seven decades, we are seeking help... because the room we use to store these books is going to be pulled down," Lin's daughter-in-law told the Global Times newspaper.

A local library is storing the works while the family seeks the assistance of the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum to find the original owner or his relatives.

Vatican asks US firm to probe real estate accounts

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican has asked an American consultancy to look into the dealings of a department which manages its vast real estate as part of a crackdown following accusations of corruption.

The Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See (APSA) has been hit by scandals, including the arrest of a senior cleric who had worked in the department for 22 years, who went on to accuse his superiors of misconduct.

APSA, which handles the Holy See's real estate holdings, will have its books scrutinised by the US consultancy firm Promontory Financial Group.

The US firm was already called in earlier this year to conduct an external review of the scandal-hit Vatican bank's money laundering rules.

APSA, which also pays the salaries of Vatican employees and captains the financial and stock portfolio, is being placed under external scrutiny "to deepen the checks into the financial and management situation," a statement said.

Pope Francis has pushed hard since his election in March to make the Vatican's public finances fully transparent following decades of scandal and intrigue, particularly



regarding the Institute for Religious Works (IOR) -- as the bank is known.

The IOR was the main shareholder of the Banco Ambrosiano, which collapsed in 1982 amid accusations of laundering money for the mafia.

The chairman of Banco Ambrosiano, Roberto Calvi -- dubbed "God's Banker" -- was found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London that year in a suspected murder by mobsters.

The spotlight fell on APSA after prelate Nunzio Scarano was arrested in June on suspicion of acting as a front for dubious international payments made through the Vatican bank.

Scarano wrote to the pope to defend himself, accusing cardinals of covering up irregular financial activities carried out

by his superiors.

Reform-minded Francis has spoken repeatedly of his desire to create "a poor Church for the poor".

One of the first steps was to install a special commission tasked with investigating the bank and another to probe Vatican finances in general that will report their findings back to him.



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-- A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

SPORTS

Football: Maradona dreams of Napoli, feels for Balotelli

MILAN (AFP) - Argentine football legend Diego Maradona said he would like to succeed Napoli coach Rafael Benitez while calling on Italy to leave embattled AC Milan striker Mario Balotelli in peace to get on with his job.

Benitez and Balotelli were not the only subjects on the 1986 World Cup winner's radar Thursday, a day ahead of receiving a special award from top sports daily La Gazzetta dello Sport.

Maradona said he would soon be celebrating being drug-free for 10 years but reignited his old rivalry with fellow football legend Pele of Brazil.

Maradona, now welcome in Italy having settled a long-running dispute with authorities over unpaid taxes, is expected to watch former side Napoli's bid to take spot when they face Serie A leaders Roma on Friday.

Napoli finished runners-up last season under former coach Walter Mazzari and, after luring former Liverpool and Chelsea boss Rafael Benitez to the club, are seen by many as the biggest challengers to champions Juventus.

Despite a glaring lack of coaching experience compared to Benitez, Maradona, who helped Napoli to their only two league titles in 1987 and 1990, says he would happily succeed the Spaniard.



"When Benitez leaves I would like to take over at Napoli," said Maradona, who, following spells with Argentina (2008-2010) then Emirati club Al Wasl (2011-2012), claimed he was currently unemployed as a coach because people fear him.

"Coaches are changing all over the place, from Spain to Italy, England to Russia. But there are people who are afraid of me. That's why I'm not coaching."

The Argentinian said he could empathise with the plight of AC Milan striker Mario Balotelli, arguably the biggest name in Serie A following his move last year from Manchester City.

Balotelli regularly complains of unfair treatment on and off the pitch and, with his every move often magnified in the media, the Italy international this week pleaded to be left alone.

Even the president of Italy's football federation, Giancarlo Abete, said he had sympathy

for Balotelli's plight, saying "the media pressure on the lad is excessive."

Maradona, who during a highly controversial career has endured similar scrutiny both on and off the pitch, said: "Everyone should be allowed to live their life as they want, Balotelli should be left alone."

Football: Casillas mulling over Real Madrid exit

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid and Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas admitted Thursday he will consider quitting Real Madrid if he does not regain his place in the side.

The 32-year-old is a one-club man having grown up through the youth ranks at Madrid before making his debut in September 1999 as an 18-year-old.

Apart from a brief spell in 2001/02 when he lost his place in the side, Casillas has been an immovable object in the Madrid goal ever since.

That was until last season when then-coach Jose Mourinho dropped him in favour of Diego Lopez, a move replicated by new boss Carlo Ancelotti.

The lack of match-action has seen Casillas also lose his guaranteed starting spot in the Spain side, something that had not happened since he made the jersey his own at the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

Casillas has vowed to fight on for now, but said he cannot be certain that will last much longer.

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque had stuck with Casillas last season and at the beginning of this campaign despite his lack of game-time, but that all changed against Belarus last Friday when Barcelona's Victor Valdes was given the nod, although Casillas reclaimed his place against Georgia on Tuesday.

However, with a World Cup coming up at the end of the season in Brazil, Casillas will be eager to play first team football on a more regular basis, or risk being confined to the bench for the biggest tournament of them all.



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NFL: Fed up Fan posts Browns quarterback job on Craigslist

WASHINGTON (AFP) - One fed-up Browns fan thinks it's time for a change at quarterback in Cleveland, so he put a help-wanted advert on Craigslist seeking a replacement for Brandon Weeden.

"Have you played pro football? College ball? High-school? Pee-wee?" the posting on the classified ad website asked, going on to imply that even experience with the Madden NFL video game could qualify someone for the job.

"Do you sort of kind of know some of the rules of football? If yes keep reading. If no ... well also keep reading! We will take ANYONE."

Weeden regained the starting quarterback job after Brian Hoyer, who had sparked the hard-luck Browns to their best NFL start in 12 years, tore ligaments in his right knee earlier this month.

Hoyer, who had replaced Weeden at the helm, will miss

the rest of the season.

Weeden has thrown for 1,005 yards and four touchdowns this season.

The Browns are 3-3, but haven't managed the consistency fans of the perennial stragglers crave.

They led 17-7 at halftime against Detroit on Sunday, but lost as Weeden fell apart in the second half, attempting a shovel pass that was intercepted by Lions linebacker DeAndre Levy. Detroit won the game 31-17.

The Craigslist ad posted on Monday is just the latest public cry of agony from a long-suffering Browns fan.

In July, the obituary of life-long Browns supporter Scott E. Entsminger, published in the Columbus Dispatch of Columbus, Ohio, requested six Browns players as pall bearers "so the Browns can let him down one last time".

MLB playoff schedule

American League

Boston Red Sox v Detroit

Sat. Oct. 12 - Detroit at Boston

Detroit 1, Boston 0 -(Detroit leads 1-0)

Sun. Oct. 13 - Detroit at Boston

Boston 6, Detroit 5 -(Series tied 1-1)

Tue. Oct. 15 - Boston at Detroit

Boston 1, Detroit 0 (Boston lead 2-1)

Wed. Oct. 16 - Boston at Detroit

Boston 3, Detroit 7 (Series tied 2-2)

Thu. Oct. 17 - Boston at Detroit

Sat. Oct. 19 - Detroit at Boston

Sun. Oct. 20 - Detroit at Boston

National League

Los Angeles Dodgers v St. Louis Cardinals

Fri. Oct. 11 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 2 (St.L leads 1-0)

Sat. Oct. 12 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0- (St.L leads 2-0)

Mon. Oct. 14 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

St. Louis 0, Los Angeles 3- (St.L leads 3-1)

Tue. Oct. 15 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2- (St.L leads 3-1)

Wed. Oct. 16 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 6- (St.L leads 3-2)

Fri. Oct. 18 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

Sat. Oct. 19 - Los Angeles at St. Louis



-- University of Louisville basketball player Chane Behanan has been indefinitely suspended from the Cardinals' basketball team after the junior forward violated an unspecified university policy, coach Rick Pitino announced Thursday. Behanan will not practice or be involved in team-related activities while he sits out. Pitino said the suspension "will be a long time" and that Behanan's sanctions are a culmination of a multiple "Behanan, who started 37 of the 39 games he played last season, is still in school at U of L but not living in the team dorm, Pitino said. He averaged 9.8 points and 6.5 rebounds on the Cardinals' national championship team. Little things that when you add them up, they're pretty big."

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Golf: Sparkling 60 gives Henry early PGA Las Vegas lead

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - JJ Henry eagled his last hole to complete a flawless 11-under par 60 and seize the early first-round lead in the US PGA Tour's Shriners' Hospital Open.

Henry, who teed off on the 10th hole at TPC Summerlin, rolled in a 50-foot eagle putt at the par-five ninth to cap his round.

"It was one of those days," said Henry, a two-time PGA TOUR winner whose effort included nine birdies.

On a day when birdies abounded, Henry had a one-stroke clubhouse lead over Argentina's Andres Romero -- who had six birdies and two eagles in his 10-under 61.

With the afternoon starters still on the course, Americans



James Driscoll and Jonathan Byrd were in the clubhouse on eight-under 63.

"I played solid on the front nine," said Henry, who hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation and played his last six holes in six-under.

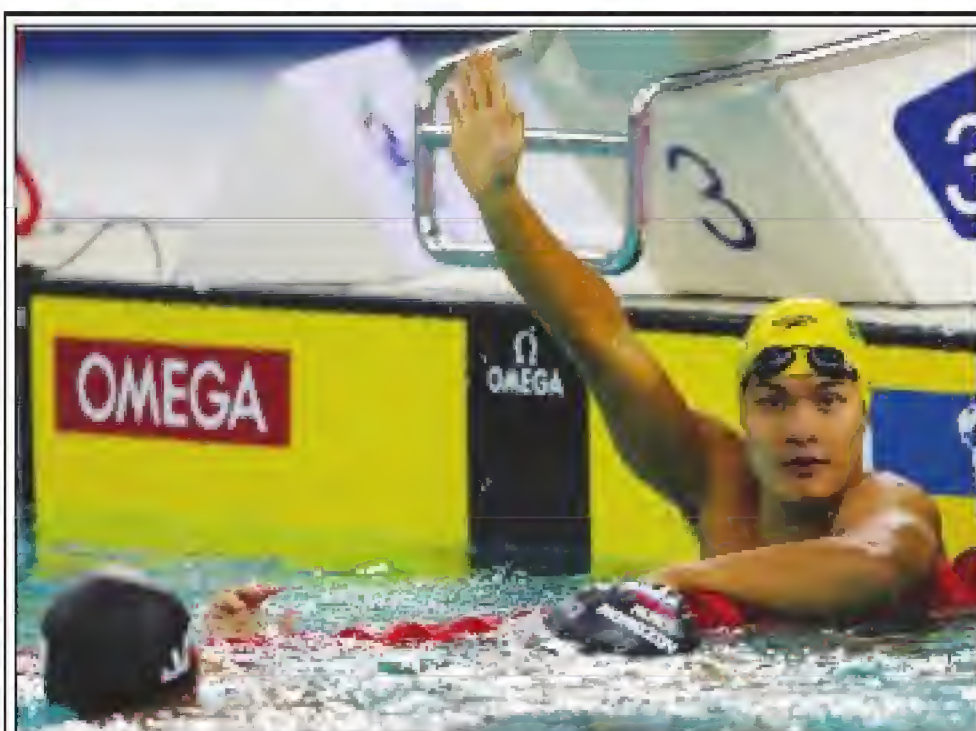
Henry is coming off a 16th-

place finish at last week's Frys.com Open, which marked the official start of the US PGA Tour's 2013-2014 season.

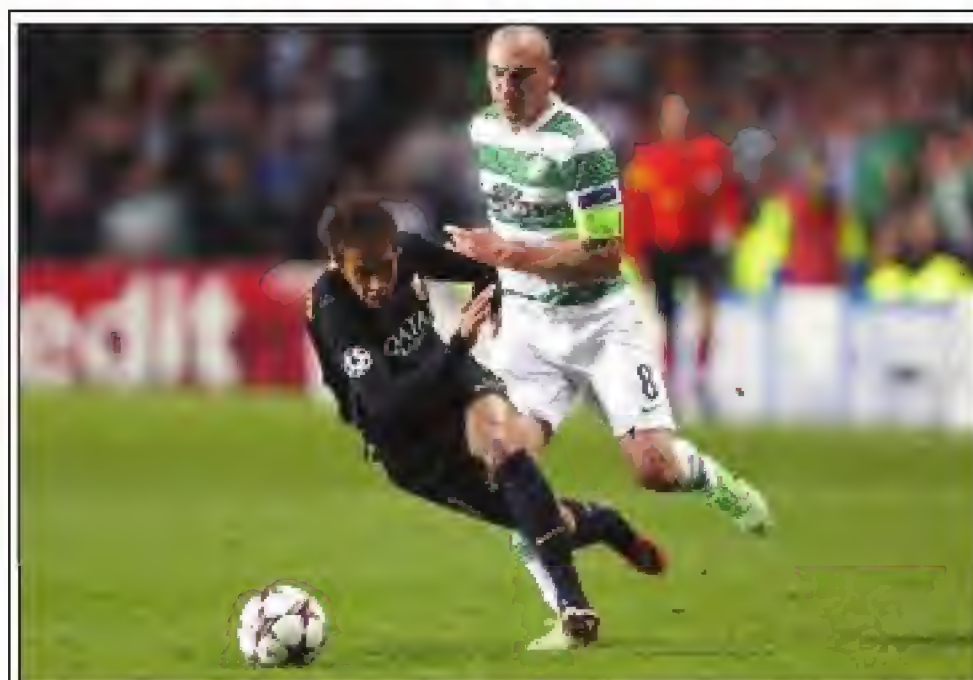
Six tournaments are scheduled before January, offering FedEx Cup playoff points and a coveted Masters berth to the winner.



LONDON (AFP) - Wimbledon champion Andy Murray was awarded an honour by Prince William on Thursday -- though the tennis star nearly missed his big day at Buckingham Palace due to a drugs test. It was a big occasion for William too as he takes on more duties from his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II, presiding over an investiture ceremony for the first time. Murray, who in July became the first British man to win the Wimbledon men's singles title in 77 years, was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), two ranks below a knighthood, for his services to tennis. But he feared he might miss the royal appointment when drugs testers turned up at his house to conduct a random test 10 minutes before his car was booked to leave. The 26-year-old Scot chatted animatedly with the prince after William pinned the OBE on his jacket lapel.



DUBAI (AFP) - Kenneth To of Australia celebrates after winning the men's Individual Medley (IM) race during the fourth stage of the FINA Swimming World Cup in Dubai on Thursday.



LONDON (AFP) - Celtic captain Scott Brown was on Thursday given a three-game Champions League ban by UEFA after being sent off for kicking Barcelona superstar Neymar. Brown was shown a straight red card for bringing the Brazilian down and then kicking out at him during the second half of the Group H game at Celtic Park on October 1, which Barcelona went on to win 1-0. Brown's dismissal automatically ruled him out of Celtic's home game with Ajax on Tuesday and he will now also miss the return game in Amsterdam and the visit of AC Milan. The Scottish champions reacted to the news of Brown's three-match suspension by announcing that he would appeal against it.

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-- Bodyboard is a popular sport on Aruba. The Aruba Bodyboard Association is working real hard on maintaining the name of this sport high. With respect to local competitions, our bodyboard athletes are active at places like Druif, Wariruri and Dos Playa. In the upcoming days a delegation will be leaving for the 3rd Encanto Pro 2013 to take place in Playa Jobos Isabella, Puerto Rico.

The Aruba Bodyboard Association has conjured up a team ranking in the Open, Women and Dropknee categories. In the Open category Jeremy Loefstop together with Devin Eman will be competing. In the women's

category Ebrina Curet will be competing. In the Dropknee category Roduard Ferrier and Romar Arendsz will be competing. Gregory Wouters, who is in the first place in the raking will not be competing this time in Puerto Rico.

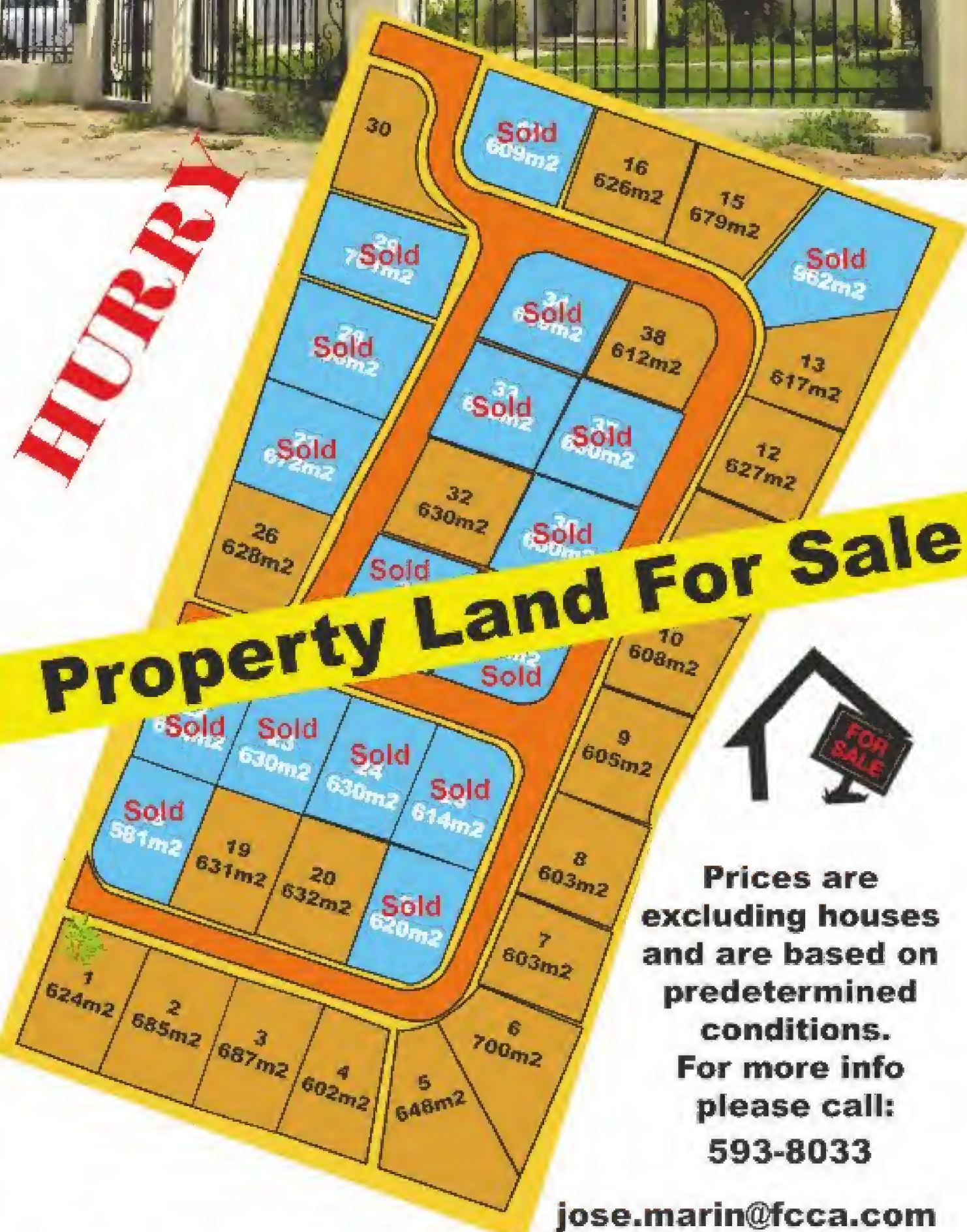
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Brazil sports minister quitting

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - Just six months before his country hosts the World Cup, Brazil Sports Minister Aldo Rebelo said Wednesday he is stepping down to stand as Sao Paulo state governor.

December sees a FIFA deadline for all 12 World Cup ven-

ues to be ready amid lingering doubts that the giant country can revamp sagging infrastructure in time.

Rebelo, of the Communist Party, has played a key role in the organisation of the sporting jamboree -- the multibillion-dollar cost of which has

sparked public protests in recent months.

Rebelo insisted his decision to concentrate on his state governorship ambitions would not hit World Cup preparations.

"It would be very much to overestimate my function and role. This is the 20th World Cup

-- the other 19 took place without my participation," he quipped.

He added he had yet to inform President Dilma Rousseff.

The government and Rebelo, who must by law leave his post by April if he is to stand as governor, maintain all the tourna-

ment venues will be ready by FIFA's December 31 deadline.

Even so, football's world governing body said only last week that Brazil still "has work to do."

Brazil will hold presidential, general and state gubernatorial elections in October of next year.